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NEW CHECK OF BULGARIAN VEHICLES EXPECTED

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In view of the fact that similar checks were made in December 1950 and in May 1951, this third inspection suggests that the authorities are greatly concerned about the condition of motor vehicles in Bulgaria.

According to some other rumors, all vehicles may be confiscated. This does not seem probable, however, because the authorities have already taken all the automobiles which could be of use to them and have left to their owners only those vehicles which were too small or too old to be used, except in emergencies.

There would be no point in seizing these vehicles unless they were urgently needed, because the present owners are required to maintain them in good condition. They have to pay regular taxes and insurance, even if these vehicles are not in circulation.

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